

REMARKS

These remarks are filed in response to the final Office Action mailed June 16, 2008. For the following reasons, this application should be allowed and the application passed to issue.

Claims 1-4, 6-8, 10, 12, and 14-26 are pending in this application. Claims 8, 10, 17-22, 24, and 25 were withdrawn pursuant to a restriction requirement. Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 12, 14-16, and 23 have been allowed. Claims 5, 9, 11, 13, and 27-29 were previously canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 12, 14-16, and 23 are allowed.

Applicants greatly appreciate the indication of allowed claims.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 1.02

Claim 26 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Chen et al. (US 2005/0082575). This rejection is traversed, and reconsideration and withdrawal thereof respectfully requested.

A certified English translation of the Japanese priority document, JP 2002-271968, is attached to this response. JP 2002-271968 was filed September 18, 2002, which precedes the effective U.S. filing date of Chen et al., October 29, 2002. Therefore, Chen et al. is not prior art to the present application, and the above rejection should be withdrawn.

As claim 26 was the only rejected claim, and the rejection has been overcome, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

Rejoinder, examination, and allowance of the withdrawn species claims is respectfully requested in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.141.

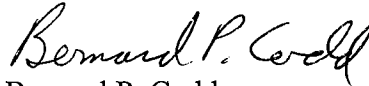
In view of the above remarks, Applicants submit that this application should be allowed and the case passed to issue. If there are any questions regarding this Response or the

application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated to expedite the prosecution of the application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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